



"The Beat"

Biscayne Park Police Department

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Spring Bunny Surprise

I am very pleased to announce that the Biscayne Park Spring Bunny brightened up many faces on Saturday, April 3, 2021. In honor of our annual Spring Egg Hunt, Mr. Bunny delivered goodies to children that registered. Looking forward to next year's event.

Biscayne Park Police Department



Message from the Chief



As the Chief of Police and Emergency Incident Commander my priority is to keep the residents informed. I want to ensure you that the Village of Biscayne Park Police Department is working hard to safeguard the Village and continue our community policing efforts.

The Village of Biscayne Park Police will continue to patrol our village, proactively address crime, traffic violators and public safety issues and respond to calls for service from our residents.

During the hurricane season the Police Department will disseminate information to residents to ensure preparedness. As the Village Emergency Manager my priority is the safety and security of our residents. Please contact the Police Department if you would like to be placed on the Elderly/Special Needs contact list. You can also refer to the County website for Hurricane information.

<https://www.miamidade.gov/hurricane/library/guide-to-hurricane-readiness.pdf>

Thank You

Luis E. Cabrera, M.B.A.
Biscayne Park Police Department
Chief of Police

Code Compliance Enforcement

Recently the village has reorganized to place Code Compliance Enforcement under the purview of the Village Police Department.

Code Compliance has hired Code Enforcement Officer Izquierdo and Rodriguez. Since they commenced their new positions, these officers have ensured that the Villages vision, mission, and goals are being met.

These officers have been instrumental in enforcing a code compliance strategy with the three objectives to include the following:

- To ensure that all property owners are treated equally by creating a predictable path to resolution for code violations.
- To first try to prevent code violations, then resolve and only use the enforcement tools such as fines when necessary.
- To create an efficient and easily manageable database of all existing code with the village.

These officers have been working diligently to preserve and enhance the safety and appearance of our community.

These officers have been successful in explaining regulations to property owners to protect the village neighborhood for longstanding code violations and improve efficiency of the code enforcement program.



Code Enforcement Corner

Here is some insight into what the Code Enforcement officers are doing:

- Closing out 2016 to the present cases
- Making all cases current
- Any fees pending are being referred to the board for settlement
- Checking all variances for boats, trailers, etc.
- Ensuring all landlord/tenant fees are updated for 2020
- Citing vehicles with no tags, expired tags, etc.
- Updating Code Ordinances for future approval
- Checked all short-term vacation rentals are permitted
- Ensuring carports are permitted and inspected. If you do not have a permit for a carport, please apply as soon as possible.
- Checking for parking on the grass
- Checking permits on all driveways

It is imperative that you go to Village Hall and apply for all permits needed for work done on your property.



5.3.4 Landscaping and objects in the swale area of the right-of-way.

- Markers: Dome-type markers only may be placed within dedicated right-of-way if they are placed not closer than eighteen (18) inches to the nearest edge of the paved surface of the designated roadway. All markers must be at least twenty-four (24) inches apart. Markers placed in the right-of-way shall not exceed twelve (12) inches in diameter, nor be more than six (6) inches in height and shall be white in color.
- Other objects prohibited. It shall be unlawful to install, place or maintain within the dedicated right-of-way, parking, or swale area of the village any pointed concrete or other unapproved hard materials, such as rocks, stones, bricks, metal objects or other similar obstructions.

CONTINUED REMINDERS

Watch Orders

If you are going out of town or tenting your home, you can request a **HOUSE WATCH ORDER**. The online form can be found on the village website www.biscayneparkfl.gov under Resident Services or on the Police Department page under Village Departments.

Police Non-Emergency Number

(305) 4 POLICE

(305) 476-5423

Police Chief Urges:

The Police Chief is urging all residents to be vigilant in the prevention of scams and unattended deliveries. Now that we are still at the “Safer-at-Home” mandate it is imperative that you secure your personal property to avoid being victimized.

Ed Burke Recreational Center & Park

The park grounds are officially opened sunrise to sunset. The recreational center is open Monday through Saturday 09:00 a.m. to 07:00 pm and on Sunday’s 12:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.

Pet Owners: Leashes

As a friendly reminder, please ensure that your dogs whatever breed, and size are properly leashed when being walked and are never permitted to roam freely with or without the owner present.

Also remember to utilize the pet waste stations throughout the Village after picking up after your dogs.



Important Message for Biscayne Park Residence

Lock up and Secure Your Stuff:

Remove purses, cash (coins), laptops, tablets, cell phones/charges, GPS, and firearms from your car. **DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN PLAIN VIEW.**

Place shopping bags in the trunk. Help reduce this **PREVENTABLE** crime. **LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS.**



**DO NOT
LEAVE YOUR
VALUABLES
UNATTENDED**



Sec.XX.4. – Permitted days and hours for Construction

XX.4.1: The erection (including excavation), demolition, altercation or repair of any building or delivery of materials other than the below listed times are prohibited:

XX.4.1.1	Monday through Friday	08:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
XX.4.1.2	Saturday	09:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
XX.4.1.3	Federal Holidays	11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
XX.4.1.4.	NO work may be conducted on Sundays	

Trash and Garbage Collections

Effective July 4, 2020, Waste Pro made a minor change to the collection of trash and garbage. As a friendly reminder the schedule is as follows:

MONDAY

BULK & YARD WASTE

Place at edge of pavement in front of the **property** **NO EARLIER** than 9:00 a.m. the day before collection and **NO LATER** than 7:00 am the day of collection. Containers must be removed and placed out of sight by 9:00 a.m. the day following collection



FRIDAY

GARBAGE & RECYCLING

For Recycling, container is placed at the edge of pavement in front of the property **NO EARLIER** than 5:00 p.m. the day of before collection and **NO LATER** than 7:00 a.m. the day of collection. Containers must be removed and placed out of sight by 9:00 a.m. the day of following collection.



TUESDAY

GARBAGE

Unless side yard services are required container is placed at edge of pavement in front of the property **NO EARLIER** than 5:00 p.m. the day of before collection and **NO LATER** than 7:00 a.m. the day of collection. Containers must be removed and placed out of sight by 9:00 a.m. the day of following collection.



Additional Reminders:

- Each residential unit will have a sufficient number of containers, not to exceed 40 gallons to accommodate all garbage, leaves and grass cuttings.
- Containers are to be in good condition and kept tightly closed at all times. Must be stored behind the face of the building and screened from view except when placed out for collection.
- Leaves and grass cuttings are to be bagged or placed in containers for collection.
- The maximum size of the pile (all trash and yard debris wither bagged or in a container or in a pile) placed out for collection cannot exceed 2 cubic yards. (3'x3'x6'). Please plan ahead and call first before placing out a pile larger than what is allowed as there is a fee for any police that exceeds the maximum allowed.

Failure to comply will result in a citation.

AUTISM AWARENESS

April is National Autism Awareness Month. Here are a few of our officers wearing their autism badges to promote awareness.



POLICE MEMORIAL

May is National Law Enforcement Memorial Month. You shall see many of the officers wearing black badges in honor of our fallen heroes.



NEW HIRE

We would like to welcome four new officers to the Biscayne Park Police Department. Officer Dwayne Wynn, Officer Luis Marrero, Officer Frank Pieiga and Officer Christopher Castro were sworn in. Combined these officers have over 50 years of law enforcement experience.



Important Reminders:

If you have an emergency, dial 911.

If you need to contact the police, but it is NOT an emergency, please call dispatch at 305 4 POLICE (305-476 -5423). If you need a copy of a police report, please call 305-893-7490 and ask to speak to the Record Manger.

DO NOT CALL the Commissioners, Village Manager, Police Chief or arrive at the station when you need an officer dispatched. You are wasting precious time in catching an offender while a crime is in progress. None of these individuals dispatch officers. Remember that your officers are normally out on patrol.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- BPPD working on becoming accredited.
- 2018-2020 Annual Report completed.
- June 12, 2021 Pride Parade scheduled

2021 HURRICANE NAMES

- | | |
|-------------|------------|
| • Ana | • Larry |
| • Bill | • Mindy |
| • Claudette | • Nicholas |
| • Danny | • Odette |
| • Elsa | • Peter |
| • Fred | • Rose |
| • Grace | • Sam |
| • Henri | • Teresa |
| • Ida | • Victor |
| • Julian | • Wanda |
| • Kate | |

Basic Disaster Supply Kit

- Water: One gallon per person, per day (3-day supply evaluation, 2-week supply for home).
- Food: Non-perishable (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home).
- Flashlight
- Battery powered or hand crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Mediations (7-day supply) and medical items.
- Multi-purpose tool, like a Swiss Army knife.
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items.
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies.)
- Cell phone with charger
- Family and emergency contacts information
- Extra Cash (ATM might be inoperable).
- Extra fuel for generator and car.
- Whistle (to signal for help)

Depending on your family you may need, you may need to include baby supplies, pet supplies and other things such as extra car and house keys.



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